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Kalliasseri Higher Elementary School

* 691 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have asked the District Board, Malabar, to keep the scheme of the Board to construct the building of the Higher Elementary School, Kalliasseri, in abeyance for a while;

(*b*) if so, why;

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representations regarding this recently;

(*d*) whether the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, has recommended the sanction of a grant for the construction of a building for Kalliasseri Higher Elementary School in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar; and

(*e*) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have advised the District Board to reduce the cost of construction to Rs. 40,000 so as to bring it under the Local Development Works Programme.

The cost of constructing the building is reported to be about Rs. 67,000. The Government grant for the building has to be restricted to Rs. 7,000 under the rules. With its poor financial position, the District Board is not able to meet the balance of the cost."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that the strength of the institution is between 600 and 700 and in view of the fact that it is a school which has got a very good and long tradition and that the institution is temporarily run in two or three sheds which are not at all strong enough to withstand the storms that are very often experienced in Malabar, will the Government be pleased to see that some arrangements are made so that the children are given *pucca* buildings under the roof of which they can get their instructions? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this is a Board Higher Elementary School and the ultimate authority to look into the matter is the District Board. I am sure the hon. Member has greater influence with the Malabar District Board than myself."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" On a point of personal explanation. I do not deny the influence that the democratic forces have over the District Board of Malabar. That is why they have come forward to house the children in pucca buildings for imparting instruction. But that Board has not got that much of financial stability to give so much amount. That is the reason why they have requested Government to grant them financial aid as per rules."

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not know what forces have got hold of the District Board of Malabar, whether they are democratic or undemocratic but we have to be guided by the rules in respect of grants to the various district boards. We cannot make an exception in respect of one district board alone."

Metalling of " Tippu Sultan " road in Ponnani taluk

* 692 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to metal the Old Military road in Ponnani taluk?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" No, Sir."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, the old Military road 'Tippu Sultan' road as it is popularly known is a very important coastal road. It is of very great use for the transport of fish. The present bus route from Guruvayoor to Ponnani is about 36 miles. If this road is metalled the distance between Guruvayoor and Ponnani will be reduced to 16 miles. In view of the importance of this road will the Government take up metalling of the road immediately?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" If the hon. Member submits definite proposals, I shall ask the District Board to examine it."

Irrigation tank for Pulivalam

* 693 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the villagers of Pulivalam, Musiri taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, made a representation to the President, District Development and Planning Board, Tiruchirappalli, and to the Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Tiruchirappalli South, requesting to construct an irrigation tank in their village;

(*b*) if so, whether any investigation was made and any estimate was prepared;

(*c*) whether the villagers offered to contribute a portion of the cost of the construction; and

(*d*) at what stage the proposal is now pending with the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The villagers of Pulivalam in Musiri taluk made a representation to the Collector of Tiruchirappalli to form a tank for the purpose of irrigation in the village.

" (*b*) An investigation was made and an estimate for Rupees 97,000 was prepared by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Tiruchirappalli Division.